

THE CONDUIT

HOSPITAL.

For the sick Slaves, upon

Good Hope Estate

the Property of

John Sharp Esquire

Situated in the Parish of Trelawny

1798

Jam. S. S. S.

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West Elevation

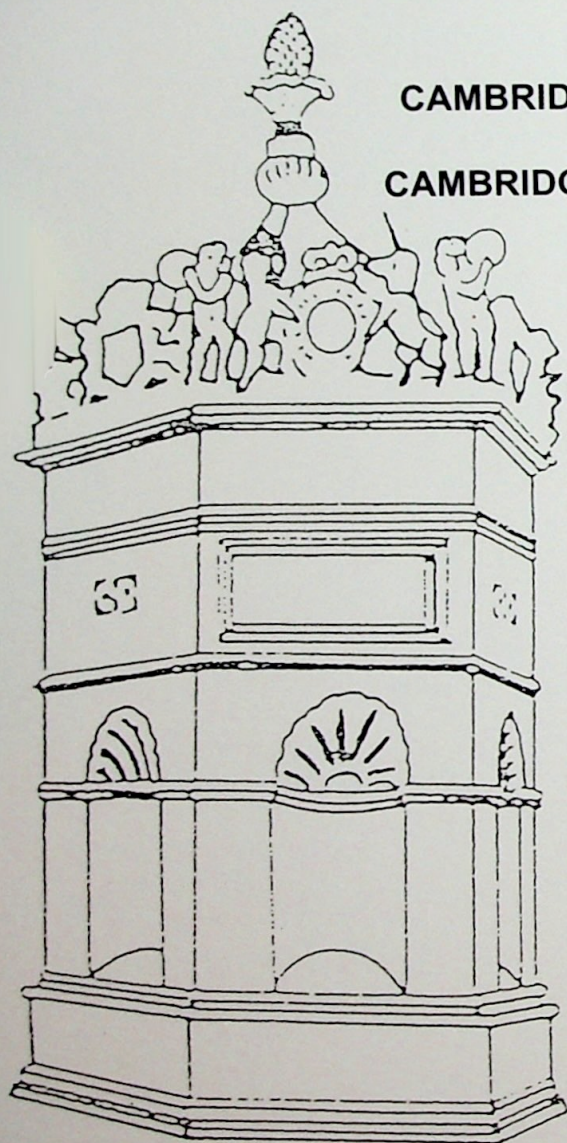
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1798

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest edition of Conduit. It has been a busy year for the Heritage community with various celebrations of a new millennium taking place around the County. The County's Heritage service has been no less busy with numerous events and displays and the Festival of Millennium Monuments run by Twigs Way as a partnership between Cambridgeshire ACRE and the County Council (with match funding from the Local Heritage Initiative). The Cambridge Antiquarian Society has seen a change in its committee, with both the Secretary, Sue Oosthuizen, and the President, Peter Warner, moving on. I am sure we would all wish to thank the out-going officers for their efforts on behalf of the Society and its affiliated groups, and wish the incoming officers, Derek Booth (Secretary) and Tim Malim (President) well. Derek is a retired agricultural scientist and the County's 1st Parish Archaeological Warden (see County Archaeology Office page) & Tim needs little introduction as Head of Archaeological Field Unit, Cambridgeshire County Council.

As mentioned in the editorial of last year's full Conduit, Jim Longstaff of the Duxford History Group is compiling a database of speakers and we include a tear off page at the back of this Conduit for entries. Please do take the opportunity to support this valuable contribution for all the history societies in Cambridgeshire and send in recommendations.

The Centre for Regional Studies has now published its Atlas of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire History. It looks very attractive and interesting and the editors are to be congratulated on what will become an important reference for studies of history in the County.

I would like to remind all our contributors that copy deadlines are **December 19th** for the Conduit update and **June 30th** for the main Conduit. This edition saw only 21 of the 50 societies meet the deadline and only one of the 22 museums. As it is, there are groups, which must, unfortunately, be left out this time. Do please make a note in your group's diary now for the next two copy deadlines.

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CAMBRIDGE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

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The Cambridge Antiquarian Society was founded in 1840, to bring recent work in local history and archaeology to the general public. Ordinary membership costs £12.50 per year, families & affiliated society £15.00 and entitles members to free access to our varied range of lectures and reduced fees for our two annual conferences. Payment due 1st January 2001, to the Registrar. Members also receive a free copy of the Society's journal *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*, a free copy of the autumn and spring issue of *Conduit*, and access to a specialist archaeological library. Do join us to keep abreast of recent work in local history and archaeology. Members at the society are welcome to bring guests; junior members of the University are welcome at all meetings. If you would like more information about the Society please contact the Secretary or the Registrar who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Programme for 2000/2001

Our programme of monthly lectures is held in a friendly atmosphere at the Cambridge University Chemistry Lecture Theatre on Lensfield Road, Cambridge except for the 25 November & 3 February. There is plentiful free car parking (simply drive up to the entry lights and wait until they turn green). Lectures begin at 6.00 p.m. and last for about an hour, with the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

- 9 Oct Mr Mark Brennant: *The Sea Henge at Holme next Sea*
6 Nov Mr John Sutton: *The 1648 Linton Uprising*
25 Nov Day Conference: Fulbourn Community Centre, Fulbourn: *Recent Archaeological Work in Cambridgeshire*
4 Dec Prof Mary Hesse & Mrs Susan Oosthuizen:
The South-West Cambridgeshire Project
15 Jan Mr Christopher Taylor: *A 15th Century Garden at Bassingbourn*
3 Feb 2.15 pm: Dr Elizabeth Leedham-Green: *How not to be a Vice Chancellor: William Frere 1819-1820 - joint meeting with Cambridge Local History Society at St John's Community Hall, Hills Road*
12 Feb Mr Rob Walker: *Medieval Bells & Bell Frames*
5 Mar 5.45 pm: Annual General Meeting followed by
Dr Ralph Jackson: *Health & Healing in Roman Britain*
10 Mar 10.00 am Day Conference: Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge
2 Apr Dr Michael Woodhouse: *Rural unrest in 19th Century Cambs and Hunts*
7 May Mrs Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl: *Saxon & Medieval Ely: a reappraisal of the documentary evidence in the light of recent archaeological excavations*
4 Jun Dr Peter Warner: *Minsters & Parishes in the Waveney Valley*

COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY OFFICE

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The County Archaeology Office remains very busy. Major work has been undertaken in Ely and West Cambridge with the County continuing to show no sign of a slow down in development. The public programme has been hectic with more events undertaken than ever before. The Millennium Monuments Festival has been a great success, taking the County Archaeology Service into new areas and venues. The CAO newsletter, *CAO News*, has continued to appear quarterly and has been well received. Copies are available from the CAO. The Cambridge Urban Area Database has now been delivered to the SMR where it greatly improves our work on planning archaeology in the city. An extensive urban survey has now been commissioned by English Heritage and will see 31 of the major centres of the County studied and characterised for archaeological purposes.

The SMR has now been migrated onto the ExeGesIS software which is rapidly becoming the national standard for SMRs and a series of projects to validate and update the system are being put in place. It is already being used to deal with SMR queries. The CAO work with English Heritage on increasing the numbers of scheduled monuments also continues.

The CAO small grants have not had many applications in recent years, but successful applications were those by the Cambridge Mesolithic Project for dendrochronological work at Somersham, the RSPB for investigation of a possible Bronze Age timber structure in Whittlesey and the Cambridge Womens Collective for historical work and test pitting in Fulbourn. Reports from all these projects will be available in the SMR in due course. The CAO now has a written guidance sheet on these small grants which is available from the above address. The date for submission of applications is **December 30th** in each year for projects in the following financial year.

The CAO is considering creating a network of 'parish archaeological wardens' (PAWs) with a responsibility to act as a conduit of information between the CAO and local communities, undertake minor watching briefs and photographic record making. The role of a PAW is to assist the CAO in recording local archaeology, and help the CAO to promote and interpret it to the local community. These would be voluntary posts to liaise with parish councils, local schools and interested parties in the community as appropriate. Expressions of interest are sought from both individual volunteers and parish councils. The scheme will need full acceptance of parish councils and so we will be seeking feedback so that we can run a pilot scheme in 19 parishes next year to develop an understanding of the workloads and resources required. People living within towns will also be able to apply and the necessarily different arrangements there will be made. It must be stressed that this scheme is wholly outside the development control realm as this works within an existing process that is demonstrably successful. If you would like more information or an opportunity to talk the scheme through with the CAO please contact Tim Reynolds.

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The speed at which the museum world changes, in terms of funding opportunities and new programmes, continues to bewilder. The very positive side is that museums are not being ignored and forgotten by central government. The negative side is that the Department of Culture, Media and Sports sometimes acts as though there is a fully funded, comprehensive and flourishing museum sector beyond the national museums.

As those of us in Cambridgeshire know only too well support from government is limited, and a great deal of the delivery of a museum service rests with the voluntary sector, and locally, the University of Cambridge.

This, apparently rather dull issue, of the problems of funding non-national museums, is actually fundamental to ensuring an adequate level of museum service not just in Cambridgeshire but across the UK as a whole.

The DCMS recently published a document encouraging museums and archives to become more socially inclusive. It is a worthy ambition, and one which most of us involved with the heritage, be it as curators, archivists or local society members would support. We all want to see as broad a range of people using our collections, and sharing our enthusiasms, and developing their own enthusiasms, as much as possible, **but**, to do "it" well will require investment. Not just a token grant here, and a piecemeal gesture there, but sustained serious funding which will enable social inclusion to be addressed as part of a whole programme of improvements and developments.

The curators in the County have long expressed the view that the only sensible way forward is for museums to become a statutory obligation, on an undefined tier of local government, at least to ensure that there is a reasonable level of provision. It is a noble, but in the current climate unrealisable aspiration. Perhaps one way forward is to take the opportunity which will be presented over the next few months with the development of a Regional Cultural Strategy, to make sure that museums are written in as a pre-requisite of an acceptable level of cultural provision. A Regional Strategy must ensure that gaps are filled, specialisms supported and access to collections is maintained and developed. The Strategy will go through a consultative process. When the chance arises make your views known. Loud and clear.

John Goldsmith
County Museums Officer

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Black History in the Archives

October 2000 is Black History Month, at least on Channel Four Television. In Cambridgeshire, with its relatively small ethnic minorities, it is unlikely to be celebrated extensively. This is a pity, as it is not entirely for want of sources, as the County Record Office at Shire Hall Cambridge has a number of records relating to black people, especially of the West Indies.

Amongst the academic world the best known are the extensive records of the Tharp Family estates in Jamaica which have been researched by scholars at various levels since they were deposited in 1955 by a descendant, Col. Bacon of Chippenham Park. The archive is remarkable for its series of 18th-century deeds and plans, a substantial sugar-trading correspondence with a leading Bristol merchant William Miles (selectively published in *A Bristol Miscellany*, Bristol Record Society 1985) and lists, stock records and valuations of slaves. Thanks to the interest of a searcher, Edward Crawford of Brunel University, most of the catalogue entry of the original accession (R55/7 references, 37 pages in hard copy) was recently posted on the Internet at his own family history website (http://welcome.to/The_Bromfields/). One source not mentioned there is perhaps the most substantial of the records and accounts of slaves for 1796-98, received as a supplementary accession in 1983 (R83/58). This volume has lost little in its ability to shock, not just in the prodigious numbers of slaves owned on the Tharp estates, numbering in 1797 some 2562 on just nine plantations, but by the recording, side by side of slaves and animal livestock. Hence, for example, on the debit side within a few entries of one another in 1798 we have:

By Diana an infant died of the yaws	1 female slave
By Killed having broke its leg	1 bull
By Good Hope Butchery account	18 steers, 5 cows
By died intoxicated a Negro named Gentleman	1 male slave
By lost in a sink hole	1 bull calf

Nevertheless, it would be wrong to jump to a caricature-like conclusion of cruel oppression. Whilst the system was cruel it was mitigated in the case of the Tharps' Good Hope estates by an evident interest in the health of the negro population, evidenced by an imposing hospital for which plans exist in the archive and which today is part of some very select hotel accommodation.

If Cambridgeshire people, just like the townsmen of Bristol, did ultimately benefit from the appalling exploitation of one portion of mankind by another it is some consolation to know that it also produced some notable agitators for its abolition. Thomas Clarkson and his connections with Wisbech are well known, the Wisbech and Fenland Museum having

significant artefact collections. A new schools' pack on Clarkson and the abolitionist movement will shortly be available (contact the Education Office at the Museum, price about £10).

A lesser but nevertheless significant figure in the movement was the barrister Joseph Beldam (1795-1866) a Royston and Peterhouse man. He was the author of most of the publications of the London Anti-Slavery Committee in the 1820s and continued after the Emancipation Act of 1833 to be a dogged critic of the evils of the apprenticeship system which replaced it and was but a half-way house to true freedom. Most of his papers were presented to the Jamaican Archives some years ago by a descendent who was by coincidence also daughter of the gaoler of Spanish Town prison, but some duplicate pamphlets exist with the Beldam estate and family papers in the County Record Office (R58/8/3-5).

Further collections with substantial Caribbean content are those of the related Sturge Family (R83/61 and R86/37) and more recently deposited papers of General Sir Charles Wale of Little Shelford. Unfortunately the latter's very full papers as Governor of Martinique in 1812-15 are damaged beyond use and require extensive conservation, but there are family letters of relevance here, one of which enquires casually in 1805 of Mrs Wale (then in India) if her friend 'Mrs Maxwell can do with as few Negroes as she thought when in England'.

The Sturge Family archive however is a valuable source for the history of Martinique in the later nineteenth century, the Sturges having substantial lime plantations on the island utilised for their renowned Sturge's lime-juice cordial, only this century overtaken by Rose's. Their main concern is with the white colonial society as well as with the topography and natural history of the island (including sketches) but they do include some references to the black population too, including, for example, a list of negro proverbs and other journal entries by Jane Sturge (1838-1934, incidentally also one of the earliest students of Newnham College) which illumine the inter-relationship of the black and white communities. The collection is remarkable also for its accounts of repeated natural disasters which have struck the island, particularly the floods, earthquakes and hurricanes of 1896-99 and which have been mirrored by the recent disastrous volcanic eruptions.

As yet the Archives Service has few records of the activities of black and other immigrant people actually within Cambridgeshire, though it is hoped that this imbalance will be redressed by positive collection policies through community groups. It hardly needs saying that the Record Offices at Cambridge and Huntingdon would particularly welcome the acquisition of records of any kind relating to the activities of immigrant people in the county. But those already held do include executorship papers relating to one of the most remarkable of black writers, the Nigerian-born Olaudah Equiano (c.1745-97). Equiano, dubbed Gustavus Vassa by his English master whilst in slavery, was author of an autobiography, first published in 1789, (reprinted as an abridgement *Equiano's Travels* 1967 but now available in full) which is nowadays a standard text in black writing and is a central figure in black studies (see for example <http://www.bl.uk>, the British Library website which

includes substantial extracts and information).

Remarkably in 1792 Equiano alias Vassa married Susannah Cullen at Soham church, almost certainly a woman he had met through his work for the abolitionist movement. The record of this marriage is also in the Record Office (P142/1/11). A small consequence of this was that he subsequently inherited after Susannah Vassa's death, a few acres of land in Sutton and Mepal, which must be amongst the earliest black-owned land in Britain. His older daughter Anna Maria, who survived him by only a few months is lovingly commemorated on a plaque on Chesterton church.

Most, but by no means all, of the people who have studied these records so far have been white. With the fast-developing interest of black people in discovering their heritage it is hoped that they will become an educational resource and means of advancing understanding across the community, for people of all backgrounds and cultures.

Philip Saunders, Sue Neville, Lesley Akeroyd

Visitors are welcome at both County Record Offices. Our opening hours are:

Cambridge

Tuesday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15*

Wednesday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15

Thursday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15

Friday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-4.15

* The Record Office is open on Tuesday evenings from 5.15 - 9.00pm **by appointment only.**

Huntingdon

Tuesday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15

Wednesday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15

Thursday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-5.15

Friday 9.00-12.45, 1.45-4.15

The Record Office is also open on the second Saturday of each month **by appointment only.**

We recommend all visitors to make appointments, as both Offices can get very busy. It can also save time for both staff and users as documents can be made ready in advance. it is especially desirable for map-users at Cambridge and microfilm users at both Offices.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COLLECTION

Cambridge Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD

The Millennium year has, as expected, been a tremendous year for local studies publications & two of the most recent additions to the Collection are excellent examples of the high quality of these – “An atlas of Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire history” edited by T Kirby & S Oosthuizen, & “The gardens of Cambridgeshire: a gazetteer of over 400 gardens” by the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust.

To mark the millennium publications have appeared on the Abingtons, Bottisham, Caxton, Dry Drayton, Girton, Isleham, Orwell, Quy, Sawston, Stapleford, & Trumpington. Particularly welcome amongst these are the series of studies on Girton by S & M Hornsey, including a “Girton Chronicle” & the “Stapleford Millennium Chronicle” vol. 1 edited by A Bullwinkle, which covers the years 1900 to 1939. Both recalling the history of these villages as reported in our local newspapers.

The “old photo” books continue to be produced, bringing together hundreds of images not always held in the public collections, - Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, Caxton, Chesterton, & Haddenham have all been covered in the last few months.

The Ramblers’ Association have produced “The millennium survey of paths in South Cambridgeshire” & presented copies to both the Cambridgeshire Collection & the County Record Office.

The theme is continued in the field of oral history. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire has presented the Collection with a set of tapes of the Millennium Oral History Project “The century speaks”, extracts of which were published last year in “Cambridgeshire voices”.

At least two historical maps have been published to mark the millennium, for Dry Drayton & Whittlesford & while we are on the subject Godfrey Editions has produced “Cambridge & Newmarket & District 1905”, a reprint of the one inch Ordnance Survey map which also has Waterbeach in 1901 on it. The Cambridgeshire Records Society have reprinted the fascinating “Baker’s map of the university & town of Cambridge 1830” & also published the final volume of “Romilly’s Cambridge Diary” covering the period 1848-1864, packed with much of interest.

A new style of publishing is reflected in two items on the University. J Durack’s “The Bumps: an account of the Cambridge University bumping races 1827-1999” has the appendices published on a CD Rom, which will be updated annually, & “Engineering 125” celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Department of Engineering also has a CD Rom containing additional information & images.

The CD Roms of the 1881 Census & Vital Records Index produced by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, & of the "Soldiers died in the Great War" have proved a popular addition for our family historians.

J Maddison's "Ely Cathedral: design & meaning" & "Great St Mary's: Cambridge's University church" by J Binns & P Meadows look at the history & fabric of two of our most prominent places of worship.

For those with a taste for crime, both ancient & modern, set locally, Susanna Gregory & Michelle Spring continue to recount the exploits of Matthew Bartholomew & Laura Principal.

Recent unpublished items also offer a wealth of information on our county – A Curry's "Cambridgeshire Regiment Battlefield Guide 1914-1918", D Mossop's "Notes on Caxton Gibbet", M Bousfield's growing work on the history of Swavesey, the bringing up to date of the Weston Colville W.I Scrapbook, & correspondence home from servicemen from Girton during W.W. II. are all items of local & national importance.

Finally I would appeal this year to all students who are working on locally based projects & their tutors. Please consider depositing copies of your dissertations in one of our county collections. The work you do & the wide variety of topics covered deserves a wide audience, is important now, & will be in the future.

Christopher Jakes, Senior Librarian: Local Studies.

COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD UNIT

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(Tel: 01223 881614), Web Site <http://www.camcnty.gov.uk/library/afu/index.htm> or
<http://www.archaeology.freewire.co.uk>.

Major Fieldwork Projects Reports

The AFU has undertaken a programme of exciting fieldwork over the past year. Excavations of a large area at Haddon next to a Romano-British farmstead investigated originally in 1988 revealed a complex of ditches and cisterns indicating water management of a wet clay area. Seven main phases of development were identified which broadly divided into late Iron Age farmstead expanding at the time of the conquest before becoming incorporated into a 1st-2nd century farm estate with aisled barns. This part of the estate continued into the later Roman period and large amounts of pottery were imported to help drainage. The economy seems to have been based primarily on stock holding, and notable finds included an early Roman pottery kiln and a pair of shears attached to a chain placed in a shallow pit and found with a coin of Constantius. A geophysical survey at Ramsey Abbey School was conducted as part of a Royal Society and British Association Millennium Award; various interpretations for the location of monastic buildings were published on the web and as a CD

Rom. Part of a medieval farm was excavated at Caxton from which a strange artefact was retrieved ---- a cattle sacrum with a piece of lava quern inserted so that the object looked like a feline face with its tongue sticking out! Also during 1999 an evaluation of 100ha at Great Shelford was carried out which helped to define the origins of the field systems in this area, and identified prehistoric settlement, an Iron Age cremation, and discovered parts of early medieval Shelford surviving as earthworks next to Granhams moated enclosure.

Publications

The AFU produced 59 reports on its work in Cambridgeshire over the past year. A full list of all published reports is available from the offices of the County Archaeology Office, Castle Court, at the Archaeological Field Unit at Fulbourn, and from our Web site. An article on Cursus monuments in Cambridgeshire can be found in Oxbow monograph entitled Pathways and Ceremonies, and work on the medieval kiln at Colne was published in PCAS. Several contributions have been made to A Historical Atlas of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, and to the proceedings of a conference on Place and Space in the British Bronze Age. Excavation monographs on Barrington Anglo-Saxon Cemetery and Medieval Remains at The Still in Peterborough are available for sale at reduced prices.

Education Service

Events and services so far in 2000 have included 'Meeting the Saxons' at Reach Fair, on the May Bank Holiday, and Rampton Castle was brought to life in an Anglo-Saxon re-enactment weekend in June. During July there was the 'Revolting Romans' schools week at Stonea where children from around the county had the chance to discover what life was like over 2000 years ago. National Archaeology Day was promoted at Wimpole Hall in tandem with an exhibition on Anglo-Saxon Barrington and the Dykes. Guided walks around ancient monuments took many visitors to Landbeach, Devils Dyke, Caxton Moat, and Giants Hill, Rampton, while village walks were conducted in Castor and Ramsey; a total 72 public talks have been given over the past year by the AFU to interested groups, societies, conferences, and the press. Finally, the AFU's highly popular Training Excavation was fully booked this year much earlier than usual with participants from all over the country and some from overseas. A scheme sponsored by English Heritage allowed a number of traineeships to be offered at our excavations of the deserted medieval village of Botolph Bridge, Peterborough which also had an extensive public side to the project.

Steve Macaulay and Tim Malim

COURSES AND CONFERENCES

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Courses for the Public in 2000/2001

Residential

13 - 15 Oct	Early Medieval Scotland and the Kingdom of the Picts	Drs Graham & Anna Ritchie
3 - 5 Nov	Fifth Century Athens	Dr Paul Millett
1 - 3 Dec	Pompeii: The Life and Death of a Roman Town	Dr Ina Berg
15 - 17 Dec	Deciphering Latin Inscriptions	Lorna Kellett
5 - 7 Jan	The Roman Emperor	Dr Tim Whitmarsh & Dr Rebecca Langlands
12 - 14 Jan	The Roman Garden	Caroline Holmes
19 - 21 Jan	The Neanderthal World	Dr Dimitra Papagianni
26 - 28 Jan	Historical Archaeology in Britain & North America	Dr Roger Leech
16 - 18 Mar	Human Origins	Dr Terry Hopkinson
30 - 1 Apr	Mycenae Rich in Gold: Mycenaean Archaeology and Homer	Dr Sofia Voutsaks
13 - 16 Apr	Scotland's Prehistory	Drs Graham & Anna Ritchie
27 - 29 Apr	Ancient Mexico Then & Now	Dr Nicholas James

WEA COURSES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE: AUTUMN 2000

ALCONBURY

CONTACT: MRS E DIX TEL: 01480 890663

WOMEN IN THE 1800S

Tutor: Tom Doig

Tuesdays 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 19th September, Methodist Church School Room, Chapel Street, Alconbury
Fees: £25 concessionary £18

BUCKDEN

CONTACT: MRS JOY MASH TEL: 01480 52983

INVASIONS OF BRITAIN

Tutor: Don Chiswell

Tuesdays 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 19th September, Buckden Towers
Fees: Full £26 Concessionary £20

CAMBRIDGE

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

FENLAND HISTORY AROUND ELY

Tutor: Mike Petty

Monday 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 18th September Folk Museum, Castle Hill
Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

ARCHAEOLOGY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Tutor: Alison Taylor

Tuesday 2.00-3.30pm, 10 meetings starting 26th September Womens Institute Hall, High Street, Girton
Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

DISCOVERING LATIN I

Tutor: Gillian Mead

Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 19th September Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

HISTORY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

Tutor: Jenny Ward

Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm, 10 meetings starting 20th September Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

HISTORY OF CAMBRIDGE

Tutor: Honor Ridout

Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 20th September Parkside Community College, Parkers Piece

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

GREAT ENGLISH GARDENS

Tutor: Anne Rowe

Thursday 10.30am-12 noon, 10 meetings starting 28th September Gilmour Building, Botanic Garden

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

ANIMALS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Tutor: Rosemary Luff

Thursday 7.30-9.00 pm, 10 meetings starting 21st September Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Road

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CONTACT: WEA CAMBRIDGE BRANCH TEL: 01223 813915

CATHEDRALS AND ABBEYS

Tutor: Lynne Broughton

Thursday 8.00-9.30pm, 10 meetings starting 21st September Focus Institute, St James's Church, Wulfstan Way

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

CASTOR/AILSWORTH

CONTACT: M HINTON TEL: 01733 380234

THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Tutor: Don Chiswell

Thursday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 5th October School Room, Ailsworth Methodist Chapel

Fees: Full £27

CHEVELEY

CONTACT: MRS SCILLA HARVEY TEL: 01638 731154

AZTECS AND INCAS

Tutor: Nicholas James

Friday 10.15-11.45am, 10 meetings starting 22nd September Community Room, Cheveley School

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £15

COMBERTON

CONTACT: VAL COWHAM TEL: 01223 262684

FENLAND HISTORY AROUND ELY

Tutor: Mike Petty

Tuesday 1.30-3.00pm, 10 meetings starting 3rd October Comberton Village College

Fees: Full £25

COTTENHAM

CONTACT: MARION DANIELS TEL: 01954 252275

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Tutor: Susan Edgington

Tuesday 9.30-11.15am, 10 meetings starting 19th September Cottenham Village College

Fees: Full £25, Crèche £1.20 per meeting

CONTACT: LIZ MILWAY TEL: 01954 250039

EXPLORING ROMAN BRITAIN

Tutor: Alison Taylor

Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 27th September Cottenham Village College
Fees: Full £25

GODMANCHESTER

CONTACT: JANE PAYNTER TEL: 01480 450023

THE CHANGING MAP OF EUROPE

Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Thursday 10.15-11.45am, 10 meetings starting 21st September Queen Elizabeth School,
School Hill, Post Street

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £20

GREAT GRANSDEN

CONTACT: BARBARA LOVEJOY TEL: 1767 650160

COASTS OF BRITAIN

Tutor: Gillian Sheail

Thursday 10.00-11.45pm, 10 meetings starting 21st September Reading Rooms, Fox Street
Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £18 (for students solely dependent on a state benefit),

GUILDEN MORDEN

CONTACT: MRS C MURFITT TEL: 01763 852526

OUR MONASTIC HERITAGE

Tutor: Michael Day

Tuesday 7.45-9.30pm, 10 meetings starting 26th September Guilden Morden School
Fees: Full £25 Limited Concessions

HEMINGFORDS

CONTACT: MICHAEL SNEATH TEL: 01480 300965

VICTORIAN LIFE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Tutor: Liz Carter

Monday 7.45-9.15pm, 10 meetings starting 25th September Reading Room, High Street,
Hemingford Grey
Fees: Full £25

HUNTINGDON

CONTACT: VERA WILLIAMS TEL: 01480 810353

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Tutor: Hugh Beattie

Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 19th September Godmanchester Community Primary School, Park Lane

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £21

LINTON

CONTACT: TEL: 01638 507251

CATHEDRALS AND ABBEYS

Tutor: Lynne Broughton

Tuesday 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 19th September The Social Centre Coles Lane, Linton

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £20

ST NEOTS

CONTACT: MRS J PUTTICK TEL: 01480 472758

GREAT VICTORIAN REFORMERS

Tutor: Mike Sockett

Thursday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 21st September Ernulf Community School, Eynesbury

Fees: Full £26 Concessionary £18

UPTON

CONTACT: NORA WOOD TEL: 01480 890646

ARCHITECTURE AS A REFLECTION OF HISTORY

Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Wednesday 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 20th September Upton Village Hall, Green Lane

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £18

WILLINGHAM

CONTACT: MRS JOAN SMAIL TEL: 01954 260480

CHANGING THE MAP OF EUROPE

Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Monday 10.00-11.30am, 10 meetings starting 18th September Willingham Baptist Church
School Room, George Street

Fees: Full £25

YAXLEY

CONTACT: R A DUDLEY TEL: 01733 269341

VICTORIAN LIFE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Tutor: Liz Carter

Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm, 10 meetings starting 12th September Royal British Legion Club, 210
Broadway

Fees: Full £25 Concessionary £16

CENTRE FOR REGIONAL STUDIES

Anglia Polytechnic University, East Road, Cambridge CB1 1PT

The Centre for Regional Studies provides an interface, where town and gown, independent and academic researchers and the layman can meet to find out and discuss the wide range of work – particularly on archaeology, ecology, architecture, landscape and local history – being carried out in the region.

Lecture meetings are as informal, welcoming and friendly as the day schools, and are held in Room 803 in the Helmore Building, Anglia Polytechnic University, East Road, Cambridge (entrance from the rear of the building). Public car parking is available in the car park behind the Helmore Building (entrance from Broad Street: £1.00 per vehicle). Refreshments are available from 6 p.m. and lectures start at 6.30 p.m., lasting for about an hour. Entrance £1.50 for non-members.

Please note that the day on which lectures are held is now Mondays.

For further details contact: Tony Kirby, at the address above (e-mail: t.kirby@anglia.ac.uk) or Sue Oosthuizen, Board of Continuing Education, Madingley Hall, Madingley CB3 8AQ (e-mail: smo23@cam.ac.uk).

Programme for 2000 – 2001: EXPLORING ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE

- 25 Sep Dr Peter Warner: *Ravensdale Lecture: 'Walberswick'*
11 Oct Day school at Anglia Polytechnic University Benfleet Campus:
Aspects of East Anglian Architecture
23 Oct Adrian Gibson: *'The Cambridgeshire Guildhalls'*
20 Nov Allan Brigam: *'Cast Iron Not Colleges: A different view of Cambridge'*
22 Jan Paul Palmer: *'Exploring Therfield Heath, Royston'*
17 Feb Day school at Huntingdonshire Regional College: *Royal Martyrs*
26 Feb David Smith: *Nonconformist chapels*
19 Mar Alison Taylor: *The Development of Early Cambridge*
7 Apr Day school at Bassingbourn Village College:
Village Landscapes AD 900 - 1600: Bassingbourn
21 May Sylvia Beamon: *The Stately Icehouses of Cambridgeshire*
18 Jun Rev. Robert van der Weyer: *The Giddings*
31 Aug –
3 Sep Residential Conference at Belstead House, Ipswich:
The English Country House

Membership of the Centre costs £10 per year, and carries with it free entry to all lectures, an annual newsletter and reduced prices for the Centre's publications, including the *Atlas of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire History*.

THE SUTTON HOO SOCIETY CONFERENCE

NORTH SEA COMMUNITIES: EVIDENCE FOR DARK AGE TRADE AND COMMUNICATION

Saturday 28th October 2000

A conference hosted by BT at The John Bray Lecture Theatre, Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich from 9.45 am - 5.15 pm

Chaired by:-

Martin Carver

Professor of Archaeology, University of York, Director of the Sutton Hoo research Project

Angela Care Evans

British Museum, Department of Medieval & Later Antiquities, Curator, Early Anglo Saxon Collection

Speakers:-

John Hines

Professor of History, University of Cardiff

Edward James

Professor of History, University of Reading

John Davies

Chief Curator, Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service

Keith Wade

Archaeological Service Manager, Suffolk County Council

Valerie Fenwick

Editor, International Journal of National Archaeology

Sutton Hoo Society Members £10

Non Members £12

Full-time Students £10

For more details and booking form contact:-

S Salmond, Tailor's House, Bawdsey, Woodbridge IP12 3AJ or telephone 01394 411288

Or visit the Sutton Hoo Society web site www.suttonhoo.org

SOCIETIES

BUCKDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Robin Gibson

Secretary: Les Button, 13 Vineyard Way, Buckden, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 9SR
Tel: 01480 811323

The Society aims to promote the study and knowledge of local history in the very widest sense, primarily by means of talks on all manner of topics in any way connected with the subject and will be pleased to promote individual or group research into local history projects. Meetings usually first Wednesday of each month (no meeting in August) in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers.

Programme for 2000/2001

4 Oct	Group Capt. Peter Garth: <i>Cardington and the Airship Heritage Trust</i>
1 Nov	Christopher Beattie: <i>Field Found Artefacts Around Catworth</i>
6 Dec	Michael Green: <i>Roman Godmanchester</i>
3 Jan	Bob Burn-Murdoch: <i>The History of St Ives</i>
7 Feb	Peter Ibbett: <i>At the Parish Boundary</i>
7 Mar	Sue Edgington: <i>The Sieges of the First Crusade</i>
4 Apr	Bill Wittering: <i>The History of Basketry</i>
2 May	Martyn Smith: <i>Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalions</i>
6 Jun	Annual General Meeting
18 Jul	Visit to Kimbolton Castle

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Chairman: Barrie Fuller, 47 Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 4PJ

Secretary: Susan May, 94 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB2 5EH
Tel: 01223 843121

The Group's main purpose is practical archaeology for all, including fieldwalking, surveying, some excavating, landscape studies and finds processing and to offer lectures on archaeological topics. We have three areas of long-term research, one close to the fen edge, one on either side of the Mare Way ridge, to the south west of Cambridge, and the third in the Fulbourn / Wilbraham area, but also work in other areas as the need arises. We meet throughout the year and newsletters are issued several times a year. New members of any age or level of experience are welcome.

Fieldwork within an area of approximately 15 miles around Cambridge, is normally on Sundays between 10am and 12.30pm. During the winter months we are out fieldwalking and expect to be working again in both Histon and Barrington during the coming season - last winter we in fact spent much of the season at Wimpole. During the summer we are often to be found surveying earthworks but this last summer we were again on display at Wimpole Hall park on National Archaeology Day, excavating

sections across former garden walls.

Monthly lectures are held from October to June, usually on the 1st Wednesday in the month, at 7.30pm at the Department of Archaeology, Downing Street, Cambridge. The programme will start on 4th October 2000 with William Wall talking on metals in archaeology.

Processing takes place on other Wednesday evenings at the County Archaeological Field Unit, Community Centre, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn from 7.45pm. Activities include washing, identifying and plotting finds from fieldwork and preparing reports.

Subscriptions: £5.00 individual, £7.50 family; 50p per lecture for non-members

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Co-ordinator: Christopher Jackson, 3 Lansdowne Road, Cambridge CB3 0EU
Tel 01223 353260.

The meetings are held at The Rectory, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JR. The Group was formed in March 1996 with the object of researching and eventually publishing a history of the Catholic community in Cambridgeshire. Contacts with the Archives Service and others working in the local history field soon convinced us that a work of this kind, never before attempted, would be welcomed as filling a gap in this area of Cambridgeshire history.

Encouraged by these welcoming and supportive reactions, members of the Group have been engaged over the last four years in the preparation of a series of essays on specific topics, a total of thirty six contributions from fifteen individuals. Our work is now virtually finished and once the editorial process has been completed the Group will have achieved a unique and authoritative work which it is intended to offer on preferential pre-publication terms to interested subscribers.

The following summary of the contents of our planned volume (120,000 words approximately), should give sufficient preliminary indication of the nature and scope of the work.

- I. Catholic Cambridge before and after the Reformation. Contributions from Marie Lovatt, Malcolm Underwood and Nicholas Rogers.
- II. The Revival of the Catholic Community of Cambridge, 1750 - 1850. Contributions from Christopher Jackson and Timothy Glasswell.
- III. A New Church and a Growing Community. 1833 - 1922. Contributions from Christine Branch, Philip Wilkins, Christopher Jackson and Michael de Wolff.
- IV. Further Expansion and Another War, 1922 - 1945. Contributions from Christopher Jackson and Tony Brotchie.
- V. Recent History from the 1940s to the 1990s. Contributions from Fr Tony Rogers, Christopher Jackson, Margaret Plumb and Sean Lang.

- VI. Special Aspects, including the Church Buildings by Dr Rory O'Donnell, Communities and Institutions, including the University Chaplaincy, St Edmund's College, and Blackfriars (by Fr Aidan Nicholls), and the various Catholic schools in Cambridge (St Andrew's, St Alban's, St Laurence's, St Bede's, St Mary's and St Catherine's).

Several of our contributions have been greatly helped by the 'living memory' testimony of older members of the Catholic community, which will be given due acknowledgement in our publication.

CAMBRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Chairman: Don Fage

Secretary: Ken Alger, The Conifers, 102 Cottenham Road, Histon, Cambs CB4 9ET.
Tel/Fax 01223 232711.

Treasurer / Membership: Nigel Balchin

The society's aim is to study and record the industrial history and artifacts of Cambridgeshire. It is affiliated to the Association of Industrial Archaeology (AIA) and is one of the founder members of East of England Industrial Archaeology Conference (EERIAC).

We meet on the second Monday of the month during the winter for talks, visits during the summer. Meetings are held at The Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge at 7.45 p.m.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 9 Oct | Roy Hoggett: <i>Old Heavy Contractors Machines</i> |
| 13 Nov | Norfolk IAS will supply our speaker, possibly:
<i>History of the Wheelbarrow</i> |
| 11 Dec | To be arranged |
| 8 Jan | Members Night... Slide and Print Competitions
Nigel Balchin: <i>History of Telecommunication</i>
Don Fage: <i>Ancient Machines</i>
Tony Vine: <i>Dummy Airfields</i> |
| 12 Feb | Alan Eade: <i>Timber Framed Buildings</i> |
| 12 Mar | Don Unwin: <i>Chiver of Histon</i> |
| 19 Apr | Quiz Evening Slide and Print Competitions |

CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Dr David Sainsbury, The Chantries, 1 Leys Road, Cambridge CB4 2AP

Membership Secretary: Dr Margaret Steane, 109 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge CB4 8EA. Tel 01223 860128

The Association is a meeting ground for members of the National Trust and a means to help to support the properties and projects in this region.

Meetings are held about once a month during the winter, on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm in the Cockcroft Hall in Clarkson Road. The subjects of the talks will be announced in the 'Evening News' in the week before. Non members will be welcome on payment of £2 per head. In the summer, members have an opportunity to range more widely, visiting properties both inside and outside the region.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

President: The Bishop of Ely

Chairman: Mr M Edwards

Secretary: Mrs Barbara Ward, 1 Ascham Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridge CB2 4NT

The Society aims to encourage the study of family history, genealogy and heraldry in the old counties of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely. It holds regular meetings in Cambridge and publishes a quarterly journal, which is free to members. The Society has been transcribing and indexing Cambridgeshire records for more than 20 years and copies of this work are freely available for use in Cambridge Record Office, where its library of genealogical publications is also open to readers.

The annual subscription is £7.00, which includes the member's partner. Meetings are held at St John's Hall, Blinco Grove (off Hills Road) Cambridge beginning at 7.30 pm. Visitors are welcome. Car Parking is available.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 27 Sept | Mrs Shirley Wittering: <i>Thriplow Victorian Families, illustrating Poor Law and Social History</i> |
| 25 Oct | Mrs Meryl Catty: <i>Our newspaper heritage and how this aids research</i> |
| 22 Nov | <i>East Anglian Archives, with a film show</i> |
| 20 Dec | John Whitmore: <i>The History of Magic, a show and talk</i> |
| 24 Jan | Miss Pamela Blakeman: <i>Ely and its Cathedral</i> |
| 28 Feb | To be announced |
| 28 Mar | Ms Ruth Bangor: <i>Wisbech Museum, its archives and library</i> |
| 25 Apr | To be announced |
| 23 May | Mrs Susan Pearl: <i>Straw Painting and hat making, with demonstration</i> |
| 27 June | Outing: <i>To be announced</i> |

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Mr Mike Petty,

Chairman: Mr Michael Farrar

Secretary: Mrs Gillian Rushworth, 1a Archers Close, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB5 ONG.

Tel: 01223 811703

The Society has been working for over 40 years to encourage the study of all aspects of local history in the former counties of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely.

Meetings are held at 2.15pm on Saturday afternoons at St John's Church Community Room, Blinco Grove, Cambridge. Subscription is £8.00. Everyone is welcome to attend and non-members are invited to donate £1.00. An annual journal is published.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 7 Oct | Olive Mayo: <i>A Walk through Pampisford</i> |
| 4 Nov | Rodney Dale: <i>Collecting Hangorabilia</i> |
| 2 Dec | Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl: <i>Recent Discoveries in Ely Cathedral Precinct</i> |
| 6 Jan | John Shepperson: <i>Swavesey - a medieval town</i> |
| 3 Feb | Elizabeth Leedham-Green: <i>How not to be a Vice-Chancellor</i> |
| 3 Mar | Lorna Delanoy: <i>From Shoebox to County Collection: the Farmland Museum</i> |

CAMBRIDGESHIRE RECORDS SOCIETY

County Record Office, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

President: Professor Margaret Spufford

Chairman: Tony Baggs

Secretary: Mrs Francesca Ashburner

General Editor: Dr Rosemary Horrox

The Society was founded in 1972 to publish documentary sources relating to the history of Cambridgeshire and neighbouring areas. Membership is open to all interested individuals and to libraries, schools and other institutions. Members receive one free copy of each volume on publication and may buy previous volumes at a special price of approximately one third below the retail price. A list of publications and a membership application form is available from the County Record Office.

Earlier this year the publication of the third and final volume of Romilly's Cambridge diaries was marked by a party for members and guests in the University Combination Room. An edition of the Cambridgeshire Hearth Tax Returns for 1664, an invaluable resource for family historians, is currently in press, and forthcoming volumes include a facsimile of the Pettis Survey of St Ives and an edition of glebe terriers. The Society's publications may be ordered through bookshops or purchased from the County Record Office.

CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Contact: Mrs E Marshall, Secretary, Greenmeadows, High Street, Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 1PL. Tel: 01799 530265

The first of this season's meetings will be on Wednesday 26 September when Janet Clark will give a talk centred on her memories of the shop (now the one and only shop in Great Chesterford) her family ran from 1920 to 1945. This will be followed, on 22 November, by Dr Tim Reynolds on recent archaeological work in South East Cambridgeshire. The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 12 December when the business will be followed by an introduction to the new Essex Record Office by Janet Smith Essex's Deputy County Archivist. At the beginning of April we hope to have a conducted tour of the Record Office. The meeting in January will be a showing of the film of the village's celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, and there will be a meeting in late March which is not yet fixed.

Non members are welcome to attend meetings on payment of a small charge (£1.50). Meetings take place in the Congregational Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford at 8.00 pm. Please contact the Secretary for further information.

Programme for 2000/2001

26 Sept	J Uck: <i>Memories of the shop</i>
22 Nov	T Reynolds: <i>Recent Archaeology in South East Cambridgeshire</i>
12 Dec	Annual General Meeting: J Smith: <i>Illustration to Essex Record Office</i>
Jan	Film at 1977, Silver Jubilee
Mar	To be arranged
Apr	Visit to Essex Record Office

CHESTERTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Contact: Derek Stubbings, 12 Moore Close, Cambridge CB4 1ZP
Tel. 01223 525009

Programme for 2000/2001

18 Sept	To be arranged
16 Oct	To be arranged
20 Nov	To be arranged
11 Dec	To be arranged
15 Jan	To be arranged
19 Feb	To be arranged
19 Mar	To be arranged
23 Apr	To be arranged
21 May	To be arranged

Meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Music Room of St. Andrew's Junior Community School, Nuffield Road, Chesterton, Cambridge. Ample parking on the school playground. Visitors always welcome.

COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

President: Mr Mac Dowdy

Chairman: Mr Neville Bacon

Secretary: Mrs Maire Collins, 52 Lambs Lane, Cottenham, Cambridge CB4 8TA
Tel: 01954 200873

The society meets on the second Friday in the month from 7.45 - 9.30 pm. September to April at the School Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham, Cambridge

Programme for 2000/2001

- 13 Oct Mr B Frost: *The Cotswold Way*
10 Nov Mr T Day: *From Trafalgar Square to Buckingham Palace*
Dec Christmas Party
12 Jan Cheffins, Grain and Comins: *Antiques evening*
9 Feb Mr T Holloway: *The history of Marshalls of Cambridge*
9 Mar Mrs P Rumble: *Oak Furniture*
6 Apr Mr P Hewitt: *Famous fen people*

DAY OUT EAST Historic Villages Excursions

Principal Organiser: John Pirie, c/o Ely Museum, Ely Tel: 01353 666655

Treasurer: Ken Sturt, 9 Willow Grove, Ely, CB7 4EB

Programme for 2000/2001

Our winter lectures will consist of a series of six talks by Dr Nicholas James. His subject is 'the Romans in East Anglia'. As before, we meet at the Methodist Hall, Chapel Street, Ely starting at 10.30 a, on the first Monday in every month except January. The arrangements have been made by Cambridge University Board of continuing Education Fees; £39 (£24 concessions)

October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5 & March 5

We are still in the process of finalising our excursion programme for next year, except for our first in April.

20 Apr Dr Nicholas James: A Coach Excursion to Colchester

Other venues likely to find a place in the programme are Eltisley & The Grandsdens, Litlington & Thirfield Heath, Hemingford Grey & St Ives; finally a coach excursion to Ransworth & some Broad Villages.

Full details from December may be obtained from our Treasurer, Ken Sturt on 01353 668406.

DUXFORD HISTORY GROUP

Contact: Jim Longstaff, 8b St Johns Street, Duxford, Cambridge CB2 4RA.
Tel: 01223 832000

Programme for 2000/2001

- 26 Sept Tony Strafford: *Tower of London*
- 10 Oct John Durrant: *Forgotten Cambridge*
- 24 Oct Michael Bowyer: *Cambridge at War*
- 14 Nov John Goldsmith: *Cromwell, Why he is important*
- 28 Nov Bob Burn-Murdoch: *Fen Skating*
- 12 Dec To be arranged
- 23 Jan David Bott: *Duxford Re-visited*
- 13 Feb Eric Jacobs: *Slides of Cambridge Villages*
- 27 Feb Alan Eade: *Spanish Armada*
- 13 Mar Sue Oosthuizen: *Cambridge from the air*
- 27 Mar Honour Ridout: *Recreation at Kentwell*

Meetings will be at The Community Room, Laceys Way at 7.30 pm. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. Fees £16.00 in advance or £1.50 per session.

ELY & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr Steven Cole. 2a Church Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4JG.
Tel: 01353 669326

Hon Treasurer: Miss Carrie Wild, Cranberries, Colnefields, Somersham, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 3DL. Tel: 01487 740426

Meetings will be held at 8.00pm in the New Room, Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ely.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 16 Oct Neil Faulkner: *The Decline & Fall of Roman Britain*
- 20 Nov Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl: *The Medieval Landscape of the Isle of Ely: Field & Meadow, Fen & Woodland*
- 15 Jan Peter Topping: *The Neolithic Flint Mines of England*
- 19 Feb Alison Dickens: *Recent Excavations of Ely Cathedral*
- 19 Mar David Miles: *Sea Henge – a window on the past & present?*
- 21 May Annual General Meeting & Professor Mary Hesse: *Early Landscapes in South West Cambridgeshire*

Our Annual Subscriptions are:

Individual Membership	£5.00
Joint Membership	£7.50
Student Membership	£1.00

NON-MEMBERS are welcome at meetings on the payment of the *SINGLE LECTURE FEE: £1.50*. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Should be made to the Hon Treasurer

ESSEX ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

President: Adrian Gibson MBE

Hon. Secretary: Kathleen Pollard, 4 Nelmess Way, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 2QZ
Tel. 01708 473646

Meetings held at 8.00pm for 8.15pm in the Bentley Room, Loughton Union Church, High Street. Members FREE, Visitors 50p.

13 Oct	To be arranged
10 Nov	To be arranged
15 Dec	To be arranged
12 Jan	To be arranged
9 Feb	To be arranged
9 Mar	To be arranged
6 Apr	To be arranged
11 May	Annual General Meeting followed by a short talk.

There will be Summer visits to buildings of interest. While Essex buildings are our main interest we consider it important to take a wider view. Further information from the Hon. Secretary

ESSEX HISTORIC BUILDINGS GROUP

President: D F Stenning

Secretary: Alan Bayford, 12 Westfield Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 1SF
Tel. 01245 256102

Internet: www.hadfelda.demon.co.uk

A very active society with conferences and trips on historic buildings and technology, with links to many other related groups. For more information contact the secretary.

1 Sept	John Hunter: <i>The Landscape Context</i>
20 Oct	Members' contributions
1 Dec	John Walker: <i>The development of 13th Century buildings, 5 important structures outside Essex</i>
5 Jan	To be arranged
16 Feb	To be arranged
30 Mar	To be arranged
19 May	Day school at Cressing Temple

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Richard Townley, The Manor, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB1 5EN

Secretary: Mrs Linda Halton, 6 Cambridge Road, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB1 5HQ
Tel: 01223 880465

An active and lively group, Fulbourn Village History Society has generated phenomenal membership growth since it was formed in January 1999; membership now stands at 145! In the past year the Society has been awarded various grants which have enabled it to purchase computer and other equipment to enable it to pursue its objectives of researching, keeping and maintaining records of all aspects of the village's social and historical development. It will hold its first exhibition - showing the development of Fulbourn over the last 1,000 years - at The Manor this summer.

Meetings are held throughout the year, with a programme of regular monthly meetings during the winter. Membership costs £10.00 for a married couple and £6.00 for an individual. Christmas meeting apart, the Society meets on the third Thursday monthly between October and March in the Function Room of the Six Bells, High Street, Fulbourn at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m. Visitors and guests: £2.00, Convivial atmosphere - new members always welcome.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 19 Oct Michael Bentinck: *Waving Goodbye: evacuees in the 2nd World War*
- 16 Nov Alan Brigham: *20 years on the streets of Cambridge*
- 14 Dec Christmas Spirit at the Manor: *Minces pies, mulled wine and a magic lantern show*
- 18 Jan To be arranged
- 15 Feb Dr Desmond Hawkins: *The Wilbraham River*
- 15 Mar John White & Friends: *Farming in the 1940s*
- 17 May Annual General Meeting followed by a distinguished speaker in a topic of local interest

HAVERHILL AND DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

Secretary: Mrs Dorothy Challis, 18 Broad Street, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 9HD
Tel: 01440 761092

The group was formed in 1975 to investigate the archaeology of an area within a 10Km radius of Haverhill, including parts of Cambs, Essex and Suffolk. Our fieldwork research area in South-East Cambridgeshire covers the parishes of Bartlow, Castle Camps, Horseheath, Shudy Camps and West Wickham. Fieldwork continues on Sunday mornings throughout the year whenever possible, and is directed primarily to the detection, identification and investigation of archaeological sites using various methods of field surveying.

The 2 year survey in the parish of Shudy Camps was successfully completed at the end of 1999, and the resulting report was published early in 2000 in HDAG Journal Vol.7 Pt.1. (For a copy, contact the Hon Sec.)

The Group is justly proud of the double achievement of their first Survey and Journal since the sad loss of Chairman Brian Charge, and will return to the parish as & when fields are made available, to further the investigations there. At the same time, the next project is on the drawing board. Anyone interested in committing their Sunday mornings on a regular basis to assist/learn 'in the field' would be very welcome. Please contact our Fieldwork Co-ordinator: John Cawse on Tel: 01799 584154 for further details of current Sunday field work.

In addition to fieldwork, monthly lectures are held from September to May. These informal meetings are held in the Craft Room at the Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except January when the AGM is held.

Annual Subscriptions for 2000 are:	Single:	£ 9.00
	Joint:	£13.00
	Concessionary:	£ 6.50
	Joint concessionary:	£11.00

New Members always very welcome, both actively & armchair interested alike!

THE HEMINGFORDS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Ms Bridget Smith, 12 Hemingford Road, St Ives, Cambs PE27 5HF.
Tel: 01480 300864

Secretary: Mrs Ronnie Fowdrey, 8 Weir Close, Hemingford Grey. Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 9EJ. Tel: 01480 464843.

The Society was formed in 1994 to enable people to meet others who share an interest in local history. It aims to increase knowledge of earlier times in the Hemingfords and surrounding locality by research and the exchange of information. Activities include a programme of talks and visits.

The Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from September to May (2nd Thursday in December 2000) at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 21 Sept | Anglea Wyatt: <i>Heirlooms from a Local Family</i> |
| 19 Oct | Sue Oosthuizen: <i>Creating Meaning from Family History</i>
(A practical evening) |
| 16 Nov | Dr Lee Prosser: <i>The Saxons in Cambridgeshire</i> |
| 14 Dec | Christmas Social Evening |
| 18 Jan | Philip Burkett: <i>The Rise and Fall of the Dukes of Manchester</i> |

- 15 Feb Tony Kirby: *The Landscape of Mid-Anglia 1830 - 1914*
 15 Mar Dr Mike Osborne: *Cromwell's Castles*
 19 Apr Annual General Meeting followed by -
 Judith Costley: *Sir John Frankin - a scholar of St Ives*
 17 May Rob Walker: *Looking at the Parish Church*
 (meeting to be held at St James Church, Hemingford Grey)

Visits arranged throughout the Summer

Membership: £10.00 per annum Guests £2.00. New members warmly welcomed

HISTON & IMPINGTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

Chairman: Alan Eade, Tel: 01223 232296

Secretary: Ann Whitmore, Tel: 01223 232906

The Society meets at 7.30 pm at Impington Village College on the last Tuesday in the month (School Term time). Membership £5 per year. Visitors £1 per lecture.

Programme for 2000/20001

- 26 Sept Sally Brading: *Medicine in the South Seas - a medical student's experience in Tonga.*
 31 Oct Allan Brigham, Road Sweeper, Tour Guide and TV Presenter: *Hobson's Choice - the local connection*
 28 Nov To be arranged
 19 Dec Christmas Celebrations
 30 Jan Annual General Meeting and Any Questions

Spring term 2001 dates: 30 Jan, 27 Feb & 27 Mar.

HISTON & IMPINGTON VILLAGE SOCIETY HISTORY GROUP

Team Leader: Eleanor Whitehead, Tel: 01223 234502

Open to all Members of the Society. Meetings are held once a term to examine recent additions to our vast Archive; to report back on any local history news and to plan forthcoming publications and exhibitions. The Village History Showcase in Histon Library is changed regularly. We have published 21 booklets to date on various topics regarding the history of Histon and Impington. There are a few copies left of our very successful millennium publication "Photographic Memories of Histon and Impington" containing over 200 photos. We have already sold over 1300 copies. It is on sale at £8.99 (£1.50 extra for postage and packing). Our latest booklet "Elizabeth Woodcock" the woman buried under the snow for 8 days in 1799, contains detailed descriptions from the account of her Surgeon, Thos. Okes. (£2) All our publications can be obtained from Derek Frost, Publications Officer (01223 234886).

HISTON & IMPINGTON VILLAGE SOCIETY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Team Leader: Mike Arnold, Tel: 01223 232924

This is a small group from the Society who meet periodically to consider planning applications, developments and other issues, which may affect the amenities of the two villages. During the summer we arrange an evening walk through the village footpaths and bridle ways to check on their condition and access. Details of several village walks can be found in our "Beating the Bounds" leaflet and are also illustrated on the village maps, which we have erected at strategic sites around the village.

HOUGHTON & WYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Church View, Chapel Lane, Houghton, Huntingdon PE17 2AY

Chairman: Graham Adams, Tel: 01480 497295

Secretary: Sue Feakes, Tel: 01480 469376

Treasurer: Gerry Feakes, Tel: 01480 469376

We have had a good year so far with some interesting talks, an amazing scramble amongst the roof timbers and towers and walkways in Peterborough Cathedral and a very successful Exhibition during the Village Flower Festival. A conducted walk around Wyton during which we learned much of the history of the houses and stories about their earlier inhabitants.

Programme 2000/2001

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| 21 Sep | AGM followed by Fiona Lucraft: <i>Dining with Potto</i> |
| 19 Oct | Peter Ibbett: <i>The Turnpike Roads</i> |
| 16 Nov | Michael Knights <i>Houghton Artists</i> |
| 30 Nov | Social Evening & Pub Quiz: <i>details will be announced later</i> |
| 18 Jan | Bob Burn-Murdoch: <i>Fenland Skating</i> |
| 15 Mar | Jane Alvey: <i>East Anglian Film Archive</i> |
| 17 May | To be arranged |

Non-members are welcome at our meetings, which are held in the Memorial Hall, St Ives Road, Houghton and start at 7.30pm.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

President: The Lord Hemingford.

Chairman: Mr R B Butterfield, Old Forge Cottage, High St, Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 9AH. Tel 01480 469423

Secretary: Mr G H Brooker, 16 Kidmans Close, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 9QB. Tel: 01480 830199 email: ghb@brkr.freemove.com.uk

Our aim is to provide a point of contact, and encouragement for all those people and who live in the area and who are interested in delving into their Family History, not with standing whether their ancestors lived in the County or not. We hold meetings September to June usually on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at the W. I. Centre Walden Road (Ring Road) in Huntingdon at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 20 Sept Merryl Catty: *From Scribble to Script (A talk on organising your notes)*
- 18 Oct Richard Butterfield: *John Evelyn*
- 15 Nov Tim Brown: *The Commonwealth War Graves Commission*
- 13 Dec Tom Doig: *Making Sense of the Census*
- 17 Jan Lord Hemingford: *Family history and the National Trust*
- 21 Feb Lt Col Mike Day OBE: *Hampton Court Apprentice Rolls*
- 21 Mar Christine Morris: *Newspapers and Family History*
- 19 Apr *Preserving and Mounting Old Photographs*
- 15 May *Annual General Meeting followed by a talk*

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Lord Renton, K.B.E., T.D., Q.C., D.L.

Chairman: Mr David Cozens MBE, 70 Upwood Road, Bury, Ramsey, PE26 2PA
Tel: 01487 815229

Secretary: Mrs Mary Hopper, 3 The Lanes, Houghton, Huntingdon, Cambs
PE28 2BW. Tel: 01480 463007

The Society aims to encourage research into Huntingdonshire History. 'Records of Huntingdonshire' the Society's journal, is published annually. During the winter months a wide-ranging programme of monthly lectures is held on Thursday evenings, usually in the Council Chamber of Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon commencing at 7.30 pm to which visitors are welcome. A social evening is held at Christmas and an Annual General Meeting in May. During the summer, coach excursions to places of historical interest within the County and further afield are organised. Each excursion is led by a member of the Society or a local expert.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 12 Oct Elizabeth Allan: *Commons and their History*
- 23 Nov Ian Burrell: *Mickipher Alphery, Russian priest at Woolley*
- Dec Christmas Social
- Jan David Cozens: *Lancelot Brown and his son*

Feb	Alison Taylor: <i>Archaeology in Cambridgeshire</i>
Mar	Joy Chambers: <i>The Littleport Riots and transportation</i>
Apr	Tony Kirby: <i>Shops and Shopping in Huntingdon</i>

PRESS RELEASE

Local History Society Adopts Millennium Scholar

Lord Renton presented the Millennium grants from the "Goodliff Fund" at the Huntingdonshire Local History Society's recent Awards Ceremony. The Society made a special award to Karen Carter from Hartford who is embarking on a PhD at Leicester University on crime and social interest in Huntingdonshire and the neighbouring counties. She has already completed a MA in this field of study.

Displays of the projects included the work of Martyn Smith who has amassed a comprehensive collection of material of those who served in the Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalions. This will shortly be made available on the Internet. The military theme was also a feature of the Great Gransden Society's project which featured photographs and logbooks of the 405 Royal Canadian Airforce Squadron based at Gransden Lodge airfield. As a result of the "Goodliff" grant the material will be displayed to the public in the Great Gransden Reading Room. Not to be outdone, Hinchingsbrooke School received an award for their World War II project. Year 9 Pupils are collecting eyewitness accounts of the war from local people and similar information from their partner schools in France and Germany.

Ramsey Rural Museum received a grant for the forthcoming major exhibition featuring the history of Ramsey Abbey from its foundation in AD 969 up to the present day. The "Goodliff" grant will provide the funding for the exhibition booklet. Dr Sue Edgington and her team received an award for transcribing the Ramsey Chronicle. Part One has already been published and she hopes to have Part Two ready for sale at the exhibition.

Six local millennium projects were among the 19 who received awards. Most of these involve photographing local residents during the year 2000 and compiling a permanent record for posterity. Other grants included a new history trail for Brampton, a publication on medieval Huntingdon and an oral history project in Buckden.

THE ISLEHAM SOCIETY

Chairman: Dr. J M D Dixey, Inisfail House, Isleham, Cambridgeshire CB7 5RY

Tel/Fax: 01638 780538

Secretary: Mrs B M Powys, 5 Church Lane, Isleham, Cambs CB7 5SQ

Tel: 01638 780519. Fax: 01638 780248

The Society interested in the history and traditions of the village, in its preservation and development. It has a Planning Committee, which liaises with the Parish Council over planning applications. The Society is a charity and is registered with the Civic Trust. The Society arranges several lectures each year on a wide range of subjects but all with special emphasis on local and East Anglian interest. There are three or four outings each year, as well as organised rambles around the village pathways on Saturdays in the Summer. A Nature Reserve is maintained and members assist in planting trees in the village. There are plenty of copies available of the book "Memories of Isleham - an English Fenland Village" written by Arthur Houghton. Price £2.00

Membership is £5.00 per year and guests attending any lecture are asked to pay £1.00 per lecture. The Society will continue to flourish as long as residents of Isleham show that they care about our village and become Members.

Programme for 2000/2001

Lectures are held at 8.00 pm on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall.

(Starting with a short business meeting)

26 Oct Mr T Burlington: *Slides of Thetford Forest*

16 Nov Mr Mike Petty: *Hardship and Change in village life*

18 Jan Mr Verman Place: *An Old Fen Boy*

22 Mar Mr John Southerland: *Marconi*

19 Apr Annual General Meeting

KIMBOLTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr John Stratford, East Street, Kimbolton.

Secretary: Mrs. V. Schorer-Nixon, 3 The Lane, Stow Longa, Huntingdon, PE28 OTP

Tel: 01480 860325

Meetings held once a month in Kimbolton Castle at 8 p.m.

Programme for 2000/2001

13 Sept Mr David Short: *'What People had in their Houses 1600 - 1700'*

11 Oct Mr Michael Green: *'Antiquarians & Archaeology in Huntingdonshire'*

8 Nov Mr David Cozens: *'Ramsey Abbey'*

6 Dec Dr Geoff Hales: *'Christmas Readings'*

LINTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Garth Collard, Tel: 01223 892395

Secretary: June Bunn, Tel: 01223 891442

Treasurer: Frank Appleyard, Tel: 01223 892255

Meetings held at the Social Centre, Coles Lane, Linton at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. No meetings in July and August.

Programme for 2000/2001

19 Sept	Annual General Meeting and Linton Quiz with Garth Collard
17 Oct	Mrs Daphne Pope: <i>Life on Alderney during the German Occupation (part 2)</i>
21 Nov	Peter Driver: <i>Follies & Oddities in Suffolk</i>
19 Dec	Garth Collard: <i>Pembroke College, the Linton Connection</i>
16 Jan	Dr John Sutton: <i>The Linton Rising, June 1648</i>
20 Feb	Sarah Kirkpatrick: <i>Audley End House</i>
20 Mar	Mike Gates: <i>East Anglian Archives</i>
17 Apr	Mike Petty: <i>Mr Pickwick's Travels through Cambridge</i>
15 May	Mrs G Holman: <i>Gurteen's of Haverhill</i>

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Any enquiries contact the secretary.

MARCH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY

Chairman: Peter Hewitt, 101 Elwyn Road, March, Cambs. PE15 9DB.
Tel: 01354 654783

Vice-Chairman: Richard Munns, 1 Milner Close, March, Cambs PE15 8LH.
Tel/Fax: 01354 653714

Curator: Mrs Edna Stacey, 116 West End, March, Cambs PE15 8DH.
Tel: 01354 653231

Opening times: Wednesday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Saturdays 10.30 am - 3.30 pm
1st Sunday in Summer months 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Parties welcomed at any other reasonable time. Admission FREE, donations invited.

The Museum has enjoyed a very successful year with attendances up. Our archive photo publication has continued to sell well and our Curator, Edna Stacey has published an account of March's streets for the benefit of the Museum which has attracted much interest. Her Town Walks, starting from the Museum have also become popular with both 'locals' and visitors.

We have made a good start with the lengthy task of re-labelling all our exhibits; a task which enables us to check the cataloguing and provenance of items, and visiting enthusiasts have re-organised our medals and our extensive camera collection. We have managed to acquire some models on which to display some of our costumes to

advantage too. Our Friday afternoon working party has continued to do much useful conservation work and the museum is grateful to all who help. Our 1919 Peace Banner, acquired last year, has just been to the National Conservation Studios in Winchester for repair and we have been fortunate in gaining some grant aid for this.

With the other Fenland Museums we have taken part in a Millennium Photographic Project which has involved workshops with schools and adults and has resulted in an impressive exhibition, currently at March, which will tour the other Museums in due course. We now have regular children's holiday events in the Museum organised through the Wisbech based Education Officer.

Finally, I should like to thank Dr. Robin Hanley, who has relinquished the post of Curator of the Wisbech Museum after three years and who has been our curatorial advisor. We are very grateful to him for his assistance and expertise.

All meetings are held in St. Peter's Church Hall (opposite the Museum) at 7.30 pm on Friday evenings and are open to all.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 13 Oct | Dr Mark Nicholls: <i>Guy Fawkes and all that</i> |
| 10 Nov | Annual General Meeting |
| 12 Jan | Mr B Muncey: <i>Antiques Road Show</i>
(an invitation to bring smaller items for evaluation) |
| 9 Feb | Joan Munns: <i>Birth of a Nation: the USA</i> |
| 9 Mar | David Grimes: <i>The Edwardian Scene</i> |
| 6 Apr | Mr P Dunham: <i>Vintage Road Vehicles</i> |
| 11 May | Mr R Mason: <i>The Fenland Aviation Museum</i> |
| | To be followed by a visit on 8 June. |

THE PAMPISFORD SOCIETY

Contact: Dennis Beaumont, 4 Hammond Close, Pampisford, Cambridge CB2 4EP
Tel. 01223 833653

All Open Meetings are held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| Sept | Open Meeting: <i>to be announced later in view of village hall refurbishment.</i> |
| 24 Oct | The Society 'At Home'. |
| 28 Nov | Open Meeting: <i>The Wildlife Trust</i> |
| 12 Dec | Members Meeting: <i>Christmas Social</i> |
| 23 Jan | Open Meeting: Rob Walker: <i>Conservation Matters</i> |
| 27 Feb | The Society 'At Home'. |
| 27 Mar | Open Meeting: Michael Bentinck: <i>Wartime Women</i> |
| 24 Apr | Open Meeting: <i>Annual General Meeting</i> |
| 22 May | Open Meeting: Speaker to be confirmed |
| 26 Jun | Members Outing: <i>Destination to be confirmed</i> |

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Secretary: Contact on 01733 235956

Publicity Officer: Mr A J Marks, 45 Paston Ridings, Paston, Peterborough,
Cambs PE4 7UR

Meets 1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 pm in Westgate Church Hall, Westgate, Peterborough (opposite bus station). All welcome. Further details from the secretary 01733 235956.

Programme for 2000/2001

4 Oct	Tom Doig: <i>'Making sense of the Census'</i>
1 Nov	Peter Jubb: <i>'Death in the Twentieth Century'</i>
6 Dec	Christmas Social

PETERBOROUGH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Stephen Perry, 68 Sallows Road, Peterborough, PE1 4EU
Tel: 01733 341026

Secretary: Mrs E M White, 30 Scotney Street, Peterborough PE1 3NF.
Tel: 01733 340082

The Peterborough Local History Society was formed to provide anyone interested in local history with an opportunity to hear from others about their own specialised subjects, and to encourage an inter-change of ideas and opinions on all matters relating to local history.

The Society is not intended to be a formal or learned institution, which does tend to preclude the interest of a large proportion of the public. Its aim is to be friendly, light-hearted and at the same time to provide a platform for anyone who wishes to tell others of their own researches and an opportunity to develop interest in new areas of research.

If it has happened in Peterborough then it is of interest to the Society and its members!

Everyone is welcome to attend Society meetings held at the Peterborough Museum on the dates given above. Meetings commence at 7.30pm where for a fee of £ 1 anyone can come along. If you wish to be a member the fees are £7 (single), £12 (couples) and £5 (senior citizens). All members get a Society magazine twice a year as part of their fees while non-members may purchase them for £1.25.

Programme for 2000/2001

14 Sept	P Larke: <i>East Anglian Tales in Dialect</i>
Oct	Annual General Meeting

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr D A Sharp, 30 Apsley Way, Longthorpe.

Secretary: Mrs R Rodwell, 9 Royston Avenue, Orton Longueville, Peterborough
PE2 7AA. Tel: 01733 231434

Meets alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Museum Lecture Hall, Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough.

The main objects of the Society are to promote the study of local and natural history, archaeology, art, science and kindred subjects, and to promote the interests of the Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 3 Oct Sheila Landi: *The Conservation of textiles in Stately Homes and Museums*
17 Oct John Hadman: *Excavations at Fotheringhay Church - 'Creeping Down the Crypt'*
31 Oct Hubert Warren: *The Court Players at the Empire Theatre*
14 Nov Pr John Parker: *Cambridge University Botanic Garden - Past, Present and Future*
28 Nov Mike Dillon: *Museums in the 21st Century*
12 Dec Hurluberlu: *17th and 18th Century English Country Dance performed in costume*
9 Jan Neil Mitchell: *Now and Then - The City Centre*
23 Jan Canon Jack Higham: *Churches in the Landscape*
6 Feb Dr Peter Kirby: *Insects around Peterborough*
20 Feb Adrian Green: *The Roman Sarcophagus at Spitalfields*
6 Mar Trevor Gunton: *Birds and Pits - a year in the life of a reclaimed gravel pit and its wildlife*
20 Mar Audrey Purser: *Medieval 'Goings On' in the Church Porch*
3 Apr Annual General Meeting followed by *Slides on The Soke of Peterborough*:
Judy Bunten and Rita McKenzie

Summer Programme available from the secretary February 2001.

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Mrs B Skyrme, North Hall, Kneesworth Street, Royston, Herts.SG8 5AQ.

Secretary: Mrs C P Black 12 Royse Grove, Royston, Herts SG8 9EP.
Tel:01763 249632

The Society meets on the 1st Thursday of the month (October - April) 2nd Thursday (May) in the Town Hall, Royston at 8.00 pm. Visitors are welcome £2.00.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 5 Oct Iris Oakey: *Battlefields of the Great War*
2 Nov David Wherrell: *A history of recorded music*

7 Dec	Dr Geoff Hales: <i>Oh Mr Pooter! (Travelling Theatre)</i>
4 Jan	Dr Geoff Egan: <i>Medieval Toys</i>
1 Feb	Brian Hicks: <i>Was Shakespeare an Essex Man?</i>
1 Mar	Mike Petty: <i>Town and gown</i>
5 Apr	Ken Wells: <i>USA Air Force at Steeple Morden and Bassingbourn</i>
10 May	Annual General Meeting 7.30pm followed at 8.00 pm Tom Doig: <i>Royston area and the Domesday Book</i>
16 Jun	Coach outing to Coventry

ROYSTON CAVE: Melbourn Street, Royston. Tel: 01763 242223

Open: Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays: 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm from Easter to end of September. Admission £1, Children 20p (free if accompanied)

ROYSTON MUSEUM: Lower King Street, Royston. Tel: 01763 242687

Open: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm throughout the year. Also Sunday afternoons 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm March - October. Admission FREE

ST IVES CIVIC SOCIETY

Chairman: Bridget Smith, 12 Hemingford Road, St Ives, Cambs PE27 5HD

Programme Secretary: Peggy Seamark, 8 Victoria Terrace, Hemingford Road, St Ives, Cambs PE27 5HD. Tel: 01480 497384.

The Society aims to promote interest in and preservation of the architecture and beauty of St Ives and local area. It provides talks, open days and improvements for the public to enjoy the natural surroundings. The Society scrutinises local planning applications and comments on them where necessary.

Meetings are held usually on 3rd Friday in month (September - May) in The Free Church Centre, Market Hill, St Ives at 7.30pm. Membership subscriptions are £5.00 - family and £3.00 single, Non-members are welcome at a charge of £1.00 per lecture.

Programme for 2000/2001

22 Sept	Annual General Meeting followed by a presentation of the Environmental Improvement Scheme for St Ives Town Centre, by an officer of Huntingdon District Council.
20 Oct	Philip Brunson, <i>Houghton Mill: History Industrial Archaeology</i>
17 Nov	Tim Malim: <i>'Going, Going, Gone. Cambridgeshire's Archaeology sold to the lowest bidder'</i>
19 Jan	Social Evening
16 Feb	Dr Mary Carter: <i>St Ives- 1728</i>
16 Mar	Jose Peters: <i>Conservation & Historic Buildings</i>
20 Apr	David Hufford: <i>Cambridge Colleges and their Gardens</i>
18 May	Alan Mott: <i>Lines in Time (old St Ives and Railway)</i>

ST NEOTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: David Bushby, 35 Fox Grove, Godmanchester, Huntingdon
Tel: 01480 350893

Meetings Secretary: Rosemary Pullinger, 40 Drake Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots.
PE19 8HS. Tel: 01480 217933

Programme Secretary: Eileen Meeks, 26 High Street, Wilden, Beds MK44 2PB
Tel: 01234 771792

The aim of the Society is to stimulate and foster an interest in local history through monthly meetings, the opportunity for research & outings. Historical information is collected and a magazine published 3 times a year.

Meetings are usually held on the 1st Friday of each month in the Hall of Eynesbury Primary School, Montagu Street, Eynesbury, St Neots. Annual subscriptions: £6.00 individual, (£10.00 couple). Visitors are always welcome at all events at a charge of £1.50 per session.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 6 Oct Peter Rowley: *The Rowley Saga*
- 3 Nov East Anglian Film Archive
(charge: £1.00 per member £2.50 per non-member)
- 1 Dec Rosemary Galloway: *History of Handbell Ringing with demonstration*
- 5 Jan Annual General Meeting followed by
David Rudd: *The Local Saxons*
- 2 Feb Steve Kemp: *Prehistoric Ritual Landscape at Eynesbury and the surrounding area*
- 2 Mar Members interests
- 6 Apr Chief Superintendent Steve Parnwell: *My work as Local Wildlife Liaison Officer*
- 4 May Martyn Smith: *The Huntingdon Cycle Battalion*
- 1 Jun Michael Bentink: *Wartime Memories*

SAWSTON VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Secretary: Heather Bowcher, 15 Ashley Way, Sawston, Cambs. CB2 4DY
Tel: 01223 830666

Publicity Officer: Bruce Milner, 8 Brookfield Road, Sawston, Cambs. CB2 4EH.
Tel: 01223 570596

All the meetings below are held on Thursday at 7.30pm at the Chapelfield Way Community Centre, Link Road, Sawston.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 12 Oct Eric Jacobs: *Return Journey through Whittlesford*
- 9 Nov Tom Doig: *Old Photographs – care & identification*
- 14 Dec Members Evening quiz, slides and talks by members.

- 11 Jan Becky Proctor: *Town & Gown*
 8 Feb Christina Hedberg-Deloukah: *The Work of the Wellcome Trust*
 8 March Robert Walker: *The work of the Historic Churches Trust*
 5 April Mary Dicken: *Forum: Reminiscences of 125 years of the John Faulkner School*
 10 May talk by (To be arranged): *100 years since the death of Queen Victoria*

Our History Room is open every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Sawston PC Office, 57 High Street, Sawston between 2.00-4.00pm

STAINE HUNDRED LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: Robert Hill, 12 Albert Road, Quy. Cambs. CB5 9HH

Secretary: Maureen Rogers, 95 High Street, Bottisham, Cambridge CB5 9BA
 Tel: 01223 812146

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Bottisham Village College starting at 7.30pm. Annual subscription £6.00, visitors welcome, fee £1.50 per lecture.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 13 Sept Janet Jeacock: *Wicca, The Old Religion*
 11 Oct Grant Barker: *Restoration & Stonemasonry*
 8 Nov Chris Jakes: *Emigration from Cambridge*
 13 Dec Ms M Haynes: *Ely and the Cathedral*
 10 Jan Peter Roberts: *Bassingbourn Airfield*
 14 Feb Peter Norman: *Newmarket, Old and New*
 14 Mar Mrs Rachel Wroth: *Cambridge College Servants in the 19C*
 11 Apr P Houldcraft: *Royston Cave as the Templars knew it*
 (at Bottisham Youth Centre)
 9 May Walkabout - *Royston Cave*

THE THRIPLow SOCIETY

Chairman: James Quinlan, Forge House, Foreman's Road, Thriplow.
 Tel: 01763 208226

Secretary: Mrs Betty Parker, 49 Church Street, Thriplow. Tel: 01763 208654

The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment, and the conservation of the Thriplow region. All meetings are held at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm unless otherwise stated. Visitors £1.00. The Thriplow Journal is published three times a year and is free to members.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 16 Oct Peter Spalding: *The Magic Lantern Show*
 20 Nov Carenza Lewis: *The Making of Time Team*
 15 Jan Peter Speak: *Cambridge - the development of the University and the City*

24 Feb	Social Event
19 Mar	The Landscape History Group: <i>Thriplow - before 1066 and all that</i>
16 Apr	Annual General Meeting followed by Shirley Wittering: <i>Mediaeval Thriplow</i>

THRIPLow STUDY GROUP

This very ad-hoc group has now been meeting for nearly two years after attending Nicholas James' seminars on South Cambridge Landscape Archaeology. We are currently striving to locate some of the early settlements in and around Thriplow and to consider how these may have influenced the present layout of this village. For more information please contact Bruce Milner on 01223 570596 or Elizabeth Livingstone on 01763 838172

WERRINGTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Chairman: Mrs Judy Bunten, Orchard Lea, Church Street, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6QE.

Secretary: Mrs M Crunkhorn, 43 Gunthorpe Road, Peterborough PE4 7TQ.
Tel. 01733 574116.

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm at the Village Centre, Church Street, Werrington, Peterborough. New members and visitors are very welcome. The Group aims to promote an interest and knowledge of the local history of the area in the widest sense by means of monthly talk on all subjects and topics connected with local history and by organised visits. A newsletter is produced biannually.

Programme for 2000/2001

5 Oct	Rev R Paten: <i>Peterborough Town Bridge</i>
2 Nov	Mr M Dodson: <i>The History of Thatch</i>
7 Dec	Christmas Party: Mr W Cook: <i>Yaxley Handbell Ringers</i>
4 Jan	Mr P Waszak: <i>Peterborough Floods</i>
1 Feb	Mr A Dawn: <i>The Jurassic Fossils of the Peterborough Brickpits</i>
1 Mar	Mr S Mastoris: <i>The History of the English Pig</i>
5 Apr	Mr N Warliker: <i>The History of Barnwell Castle</i>
3 May	Ms R Watson: <i>Work of Northampton Record Office</i>
7 Jun	Rev D Bond: <i>Some Peterborough Houses</i>
5 Jul	Mr A Lamb: <i>Traditional and Fenland Stories</i>
2 Aug	Mr J Gates: <i>When I think what I've thrown away</i>
6 Sept	16 th Annual Group Meeting followed by Mr V Fincham APAGB: <i>Picture Pot Pourri</i>

YAXLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Contact: Mrs M Long, 13 Vicarage Way, Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambs PE7 3YY
Tel. 01733 706952

Meetings are held at the Royal British Legion Club, Broadway , Yaxley starting at 7.30pm.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 20 Sept | Len Rutherford: <i>Pig Tales</i> |
| 18 Oct | PC Ringo Starr: <i>General Purpose Police Dog Work and Specialist Police Dog Training</i> |
| 15 Nov | Mrs Howden: <i>Capt Cook and the Discovery of the Southern Hemisphere</i> |
| 16 Dec | Annual Dinner |

MUSEUMS & CENTRES

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

2/3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

Telephone: 01223 355159 Fax: 01223 576301

Registered charity no: 311309

Curator: Cameron Hawke-Smith

A social history museum founded in 1936 to illustrate the way of life of people in Cambridge and the surrounding area. The part timber-framed building, the former White Horse Inn, is representative of the vernacular architecture of the town. The collections cover urban and fenland working life, food and drink, the domestic economy, folklore, crafts, toys and aspects of college and university life.

A new interactive project, *This is Your Cambridge*, explores the lives of eight people in Cambridge today and invites viewers to follow through any topics that interest them. The computer has been given a place in a new introductory room next to the refurbished reception and shop area. Access for wheelchair users is now possible to all parts of the ground floor, though assistance is needed.

The museum is managed by an independent Trust with support from Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

An outreach programme includes temporary exhibitions, especially related to communities in the South Cambridgeshire District.

The gift shop is open to non-museum visitors and includes toys, books, and souvenirs connected with the themes of the museum. A CD-ROM of *This is Your Cambridge* is also available.

OPENING TIMES

April - September: Monday - Saturday: 10.30am - 5.00pm; Sunday 2.00pm -

5.00pm; October - March: closed Monday.

23 December 2000 - 3 January 2001: Closed

ACTIVITIES

The museum has an extensive education programme, including activities in term and holiday periods. There are curriculum-based workshops for Key Stages 1 and 2, and special needs groups are catered for. Contact: Jacqui Strawbridge on 01223 355259

TALKS TO GROUPS

The museum staff can offer illustrated slide talks to local groups fees from £35. Evening guided talks (up to two hours) are available at £2.50 per person (subject to minimum numbers).

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

The massive task of remaking the museum has started in several inconspicuous ways. Every hidden corner, loft and cellar has been turned out in a ruthless search for objects of the collection that had settled down to a quiet life shrouded in darkness. One of the strangest was a box of films showing spermatozoa floating in a medium of fruit juice. How did this come to be in a folk museum? Was this a sideline of the Chivers jam factory? *Nihil humanum a me alienum puto...*

Our 18th century shop front has been repaired as part of the opening up of the yard and the curator now has his own mini-museum of baskets, dolly pegs, and shoe lasts to which he can retreat when life gets too stressful in the office. We now also have a telephone system that doesn't require the staff to run from end of the building to the other when a call needs to be transferred. Indeed the pace of change has been so great that our resident ghost seems to have quit his station and is now no more than the ghost of a ghost.

Much of the year has been spent working up our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Since much of this depends on access for those with disabilities, we have borrowed a wheelchair and practised negotiating around the obstacles that this antique building presents. Although we can now claim that the wheelchair user can reach all parts of the ground floor, perhaps more important we have learnt just how much skill is needed to push a wheelchair around without leaving its occupant quivering like a jelly.

Making *This is Your Cambridge* has been an education for us all, not only in mastering the buttons on the machine but in learning about people in Cambridge today. For myself who as a child was taught everyone in Cambridge was quite batty, though in the nicest possible way, it has been eye-opening to see just how many perfectly normal people there are out there. On wonders, of course what people will think in 50 or a hundred years time.....

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY

The Old Pumping Station, Riverside, Cambridge CB5 8LD

Tel: 01223 368650

Preserved Victorian Pumping Station with original steam pumping engine in working condition and additional exhibits illustrating the industrial and technological heritage of the area.

Opening times: Easter to November, every Sunday from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Special Events

1 Oct	Model Railway Day
28 & 29 Oct	1895 engine in steam, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
31 Dec & 1 Jan	1895 engine in steam, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
15 & 16 Apr	1895 engine in steam, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
27 & 28 May	1895 engine in steam, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm
26 & 27 Aug	1895 engine in steam, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm

Also numerous events are planned for summer 2001, please telephone for details.

The museum may be opened by arrangement for organised group visits. We can also accommodate school parties and adapt the visit to suit your particular curriculum requirements. Please contact Dr Adam Upjohn at the museum for further information about this service.

As ever, all of the above work plus documentation, care of the collection, the education programme and the hundred and one other things that must be done fall on the shoulders of a small group of dedicated volunteers, we have no professional paid staff. Any help that you can give will be most welcome - do talk to one of us about your potential contribution.

CHATTERIS MUSEUM

14 Church Lane, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6UT

Tel: 01354 696319 (open times only) 01354 692801 (other times)

Curator: Jenny Furlong

Opening times: Saturday: 10am - 1pm, Sunday: 2pm - 5pm,
Opening times often increase for temporary exhibitions.

From the 1st October to Good Friday the times on Saturday and Sunday are 10 - 12 and 2 - 4.

The museum contains over 10000 objects relating to the history of Chatteris, its people and surrounding landscape. The museum is undergoing redevelopment and a continuing series of temporary exhibitions will be available whilst 'behind the scenes' work is carried out.

Entrance to the museum is free. Some special temporary exhibitions may have a separate entrance charge.

Collections feature early occupation during Stone Age, Bronze Age & Roman period. However, the majority of the collections feature 19th Century Social History. There is also an archive of 2500 topographical photographs.

CROMWELL MUSEUM

Grammar School Walk, Huntingdon, PE18 6LF

Tel: 01480 375830

Opening Times: **April - October**

Tues - Fri: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Sat - Sun close at 4.00 pm

November - March

Tues - Fri: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Sat 11.00 am - 1.00 pm and

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, Sun 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Group visits possible, by arrangement, outside normal hours.

After the events of last year it is hardly surprising that the 401st anniversary of Cromwell's birth was not going to attract as much attention as the quatercentenary! But it has been a year with major change for the Museum, with the departure after 15 years of Mrs Barraud, to a well earned retirement. Visitors to the Museum, and particularly groups, will have been used to Lilian's warm welcome, and informed discussion of the collections and the man they commemorate.

The Museum has a new Senior Assistant, Sharron Holmes, who is now the link with visitors and the person with whom all group visits should be booked. So if your Society or Group is considering an outing, please contact the Museum.

The major development in Huntingdon has been the inauguration, on Cromwell's 401st birthday (in the drizzle), of a series of elegantly crafted quotes about the Lord Protector, set into paving around the town. The trail funded by Huntingdonshire District Council as the permanent public artwork associated with the quatercentenary, was the result of input from Professor John Morrill and the artist Richard Kindersley. There is a free guide to the trail available from the Museum which helps to make an interesting walk around the town, so do try it.

Looking forward to next year the Museum will be marking the anniversary of the Battle of Worcester, with a small exhibition, and in conjunction with Anglia Polytechnic University, a one day conference on Worcester and the aftermath. This will be on **Saturday June 9th 2001**, at the Performing Arts Centre at Hinchingsbrooke School. Further details in due course, but do keep the day free.

ELY MUSEUM

The Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, CB7 4LS. Tel: 01353 666655

Curator: Zara Matthews

Open Daily, all year (except Christmas and New Year). 10.30am - 5.30pm (summer), the Museum closes at 4.30 pm in the winter.

Admission: £2.00 Adults; £1.25 Concessions and Children aged 6-16 years. Children under 6 go free. Group Rate £1.00 per person (minimum 20 persons). Member of the Passport to Ely scheme.

Museum exhibitions include The Old Gaol, and the history of the Isle of Ely and the Fens, including Jurassic fossils, Neolithic tools, Roman remains, Fenland tools and Regimental uniforms.

The museum shop sells local history books, products from the Robert Ople Trading Company and other museum souvenirs. There is an exhibition/meeting room available for hire - please call the Museum for details.

Forthcoming exhibitions include old photographs, basket weaving, World War Two, and recent excavations in Ely.

Quiz sheets for children, and Teacher's Pack now available.

Friends of Ely Museum

Contact: Pamela Blakeman at the museum.

The Friends organise a programme of talks through the year, please contact the Museum for details. Friends are admitted to the Museum free of charge.

THE FARMLAND MUSEUM

Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB5 9PQ Tel/Fax: 01223 860988

Email: f.m.denny@tesco.net, Internet: www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Curator: Kate Brown

Assistant Curator: May Redfern

At the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, visitor figures have been holding up well this year. So far we have seen an increase over our 1998 and 1999 seasons, despite the poor weather. Two new displays, unveiled at the start of the season, have already become firm favourites with our visitors. Both concentrate on domestic life. Walnut Tree Cottage has been turned into a 1940s farm worker's home and we have also created a new shop display.

The Museum has recently undertaken the management of Denny Abbey, in agreement with English Heritage. Bringing the museum and abbey together in this way should benefit both the visitor and the site.

In September of this year we are dedicating the whole of the month to art-based activities and events, culminating in a sculpture workshop on 23 & 24 September 2000. You can now keep up to date on our activities with our new web site, which has been produced in conjunction with Fen web. Find it on www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM DUXFORD

Contact: The Education Office, Imperial War Museum Duxford, Cambridge
CB2 4QR. Tel: 01223 835000 ext. 341

'Special Interest Days' for adults are offered several times a year on a Saturday.

23 Sept Battle of Britain: *The Museum, in association with the History Channel, are hosting two Special Interest Days devoted to the Battle of Britain. Aviation experts, historians and veterans of the Battle will participate in two days of lectures and discussion.*

For a booking form, telephone Duxford's Education Officer on 01223 499341.

For details of next year's programme please contact the Education Officer at the above address.

NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

Chairman: Martin Sixsmith, c/o Wansford Station, Stibbington, Peterborough
PE8 6LR. Tel: 01780 784444

Curator: Brian White, c/o Wansford Station (address above)

Meetings Secretary: Peter Waszak, c/o Wansford Station (address above)

The Society is a museum as well as a preserved railway, operated chiefly by volunteers. There is scope for anyone wishing to become a volunteer to train for all types of duty concerned with railway operation. The aims of the NVR are to preserve and operate a Railway dedicated to steam and early diesels and to operate a fleet of continental and British locomotives and rolling stock.

The NVR welcomes parties of visitors from all age groups and guided tours may be arranged by prior notice.

Programme for 2000/2001

- 13 Sept Maurice Wilson of Bailey Rail: *A review of UK Railway Infrastructure*
11 Oct Stephen Walker of the Portugal Traction Group: *Steam in Portugal*
8 Nov Dick Hardy (return visit): *Footplate Work and Railwaymen on the SNCF*
13 Dec Andrew Dow returns this time as president of the A1 Locomotive Trust:
'The A1 Project - progress and excitement'. (postponed from April 2000)
10 Jan To be arranged
14 Feb John Scholes: *An Outsiders View of the NVR*
Slides from the late 1960s including local industrial steam
14 Mar Robin Cullup & Brian Clayton: *The GN-LNW Joint Line - an Illustrated Talk*
11 Apr Hugh McQuinde & Paul Hudson: *Severn Valley Railway Carriages, Wagons and Restoration Works - an Illustrated presentation.*

All meetings are held at the Polish Club, Church Street, Stanground, Peterborough and will commence at 7.30 pm. Non-members welcome. No charge is made but donations are welcome. The meetings are all non-smoking please.

Other events:

NVR Members are welcome to attend Railway Correspondence & Travel Society meetings, which are held on the second Friday of each month at the City Museum Lecture Room, Priestgate, Peterborough at 7.30pm.

NORRIS MUSEUM

The Broadway, St Ives, Huntingdon PE27 5BX. Tel. 01480 497314
Email: st-ives-tc@co-net.com

Curator: Bob Burn-Murdoch

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri. 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Sat. 10.00 am - 12 noon

Also open Saturday and Sunday afternoons May-September

Like other forward-looking museums, the Norris is eager to target new audiences. Why should we want to do that? Oh my dear, have you seen the audiences we've got at the moment?

I suppose some time about 1930 the country's curators got together and decided that the kind of museum visitor they most wanted was someone who combined sticky fingers with a fascination for the tactile qualities of glass. Our success in attracting such people into museums has surpassed our wildest dreams.

But now we can target our audiences by means of careful advertising. For example, the Norris Museum has recently been running a series of exciting summer exhibitions. Last year's display, on local finds of Ichthyosaur fossils, broke all records of visitor numbers. This year we mounted a millennium exhibition of photographs of St Ives in the 20th century, using our new computer equipment to produce digital copies of all the pictures (instead of the manual ones we had before). Visitor numbers broke last year's records all over again.

Our summer exhibitions take place in May, June and July each year. I expect we shall be doing equally exciting things in May to July 2001. Full details will be in the next Conduit. See what I Mean?

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Priestgate, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, England PE1 1LF

Tel: 01733 343329, Fax: 01733 341928

FRIENDS OF PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Chairman: Mrs Maisie Terrell, 1a High Haden Road, Glatton, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5RU

Secretary: Carole Green, High Haden Road, Glatton, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5RU. Tel: 01487 830357.

Holds lunchtime lectures at the Museum in Priestgate on the third Thursday of each month. A light lunch is served from 12.30 pm, and the lecture takes place between 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm. There is a very friendly atmosphere and there is a wide range of topics covered by our speakers.

Lecture and refreshments cost just £2.50 payable at the door. All are welcome.

Annual membership of the Friends costs £23 per person, £18 family membership, £6 senior citizens, 13-17 years olds, those in receipt of state benefit and full-time registered students. Entry & Membership at the door.

Programme for 2000/2001

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| 21 Sept | Mr Paul Beard: <i>The Spalding Gentlemen's Society 1710 - 2000</i> |
| 19 Oct | Mrs Elizabeth Starr: <i>Twinning - the hand of friendship stretching out to forge international links between North, south, East and West</i> |
| 16 Nov | Mr Hugh Cave: <i>My favourite ancestor - a government assisted passage to New South Wales</i> |
| 21 Dec | Mrs Tessa Goldsmith: <i>Bhutan, Kingdom in the Clouds - life, schooling and celebrations in remote Himalayan villages</i> |
| 18 Jan | Dr C French: <i>Archaeology</i> |
| 15 Feb | Mr Christopher Hanson-Smith: <i>Octavia Hill - The courageous Victorian,</i> |

- 15 Mar *pioneer of housing management and co-founder of the National Trust, whose aim was 'to make lives noble, homes happy and family life good'.*
Mrs Judy Bunten & Mrs Rita McKenzie: *Joint authors of 'The Soke of Peterborough': A portrait in old photographs & picture post cards, of the history of villages in & around the Soke of Peterborough.*

RAILWORLD

Railworld, Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 9NR

Tel/Fax: 01733 344240 Internet: www.railworld.net

Chairman: Rev. Richard Paten, Railworld, Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 9NE.
Tel: 01733 344240

Secretary (Friends of Railworld): Gary Hook, 37, Barnes Way. Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1LE. Tel: 01733 350159

Hours of Opening: Daily 11.00 am. - 4.00 pm. (March- October);
Monday- Friday 11.00 am.-4.00 pm (November - February)

Admission: Adults £2.50, Children £1.50, Family (2 adults 4 children) £6.50
Concessions £2.00, Group rates for 15 or more people

Railworld exhibition centre is of interest to all members of a family. It is mainly about the future and integrated transport. There is a large model railway. Environmental issues are highlighted. Railworld has a global viewpoint and includes hovertrains.

There are also 'Age of Steam' exhibits, a small gallery on local rail history, hands on displays and flowerbeds! Alongside Railworld are busy railway lines, including Nene Valley Railway and its steam trains.

Railworld owns freehold its magnificent 12-acre city centre site. Its long-term aim is to create an international rail industry showcase and sustainable Transport Centre. Volunteers are welcome to join Friends of Railworld.

Access: 15 mins. Walk from train and bus stations, 10 mins. from Cathedral Square. Railworld has its own car and coach park, free to visitors; entrance through City Council Long Stay car park. Railworld also has its own river quay.

ST NEOTS MUSEUM

The Old Court, 8 New Street, St Neots, Cambs, PE19 1AE.

Tel: 01480 388788 (reception), Tel: 01480 388921 (Curator)

16 Sept - 18 Nov Gujarati Textiles: Embroideries in threads, beads and mirrors. Items from the Kanchan Malde Collection. With workshops, apply to museum for details.

THE TOWER MUSEUM, BASSINGBOURN

Situated just north of Royston and easily reached by road, rail & public transport, the Museum is housed in the original pre-second world war airfield control tower and run by volunteers of the East Anglian Aviation Society.

The Museum aims to reflect the varied history of the military presence at Bassingbourn through a unique collection of artefacts, photographs & documents.

The airfield has been home to units of the Royal Air Force, 1937-42 & 1945-69. 91st Bomb Group United States Army Air Force, (famous for the 'Memphis Belle') 1942-45. United States Air Force during the Korean war & British Army, 1969 - to date.

Enquiries concerning visits by individuals and groups are welcome and can be easily arranged by phoning the Curator on 01359 221151, e-mail: an6530@aol.com.

Please note that visits are strictly by appointment only

Visit the Museum website at <http://members.aol.com/an6530/museum.htm>

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHOPOLOGY

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ

Tel: 01223 333516

Museum Internet pages: <http://cummaa.archanth.cam.ac.uk/>

(Greater part of the museum's catalogue can be seen on the home page)

The Archaeology gallery surveys world prehistory from the origins of mankind to the rise of literate civilisation, and also contains an important collection of local antiquities. The Anthropology gallery surveys cultures from all continents.

Latest exhibition: Torres Strait Islanders: an exhibition marking the centenary of the 1898 Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to the Torres Strait.

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
Extended Opening hours in summer

Admission is free

WHITTLESEY MUSEUM

Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 2BD

Tel: 01733 840968

Curator: Maureen Watson

Opening hours: Friday: 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm, Saturday: 10.00 am - 12 noon,
Sunday: 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

School visits and evening tours by appointment.

Admission: Adults 50p, Children 20p

Main features: local history, brick-making, thatching, agriculture, costume, archaeology, a Sir Harry Smith exhibition, scene setting of Village Post Office/Corner Shop of the 1950's and a non-working forge.

DUXFORD HISTORY GROUP

Contact: Jim Longstaff, 8b St Johns Street, Duxford, Cambridge CB2 4RA.
Tel: 01223 832000

Dear Speaker

I am currently compiling a contact list of speakers for the benefit of both speakers and groups who wish to avail themselves of their services.

This endeavor has the blessing of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Saffron Walden Archive Society and the Archaeology Department of the Cambridgeshire County Council.

In order to comply with the data protection act, I am writing to seek your permission to add your name to the list. This service will be free.

If you have any queries, please contact me at the above address, where the list will be held. Should you chose not to reply, your name will not feature on the list.

Thank you for taking the time to return the slip below, I know how helpful such a list will be for the people who organise speakers for groups.

Yours sincerely

J H Longstaff



FOR CONTACT LIST (Data Protection Act Registration)

Name:

Address:

Tel No.

Information required

Distance you are prepared to travel to give a talk:

Probable fee required:

List of talks available (subjects):

Return to: J H Longstaff, 8b St Johns Street, Duxford, Cambridge CB2 4RA

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